

TABLE 9: PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN BY AGE AT FIRST ENTRY TO CHILD CARE AND MAJOR PROGRAM

AGE OF CHILD AT FIRST ENTRY	MAJOR PROGRAM										Row Totals	TOTAL % (Age of Child at First Entry)
	Alternative Payment		CalWORKs Stage 2		CalWORKs Stage 3		General Child Care		State Preschool ¹			
	Row %	Col %	Row %	Col %	Row %	Col %	Row %	Col %	Row %	Col %		
Less than 1 year old	33.6		34.5		12.8		19.1		0.0		100.0%	8.4%
		16.0		8.0		14.3		7.0		0.0		
1	27.2		43.0		7.6		22.3		0.0		100.0%	8.4%
		13.0		10.0		8.5		8.1		0.0		
2	17.6		32.7		8.1		36.4		5.2		100.0%	13.8%
		13.8		12.5		15.0		21.8		4.6		
3	10.1		20.3		5.3		37.2		27.2		100.0%	20.6%
		11.8		11.5		14.6		33.3		36.2		
4	9.5		22.6		4.6		17.6		45.8		100.0%	19.5%
		10.5		12.1		11.8		14.9		57.4		
5	22.0		46.6		10.2		17.5		3.6		100.0%	7.6%
		9.4		9.7		10.3		5.7		1.8		
6	20.3		57.3		10.4		12.1		0.0		100.0%	6.1%
		7.0		9.6		8.4		3.2		0.0		
7	19.7		56.9		10.4		13.0		0.0		100.0%	4.9%
		5.5		7.8		6.8		2.8		0.0		
8	22.1		64.4		6.1		7.5		0.0		100.0%	3.7%
		4.6		6.5		3.0		1.2		0.0		
9	22.3		58.0		11.5		8.2		0.0		100.0%	3.0%
		3.8		4.9		4.7		1.1		0.0		
10	15.9		73.2		5.3		5.6		0.0		100.0%	2.1%
		1.9		4.2		1.5		0.5		0.0		

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11	22.4	1.7	64.7	2.4	6.4	1.1	6.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	100.0%	1.3%
12	32.1	0.8	64.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	100.0%	0.5%
13	60.2	0.2	39.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0%	0.1%
Column Totals	100.0%		100.0%		100.0%		100.0%		100.0%			
TOTAL % (Major Program)	17.6%		36.3%		7.5%		23.1%		15.5%		100.0%	

Source: The California Department of Education (CDE) Survey on Statewide Participation in Subsidized Child Care; Time Period: Data from July 1999 – June 2000.

Note: Data are weighted by stratum and major program. Missing and unknown data are excluded from the analysis. Due to rounding error, 'Column' and 'Row' sum totals may not equal 100.0%.

¹ California Education Code Section 8235 (a) defines the eligible age for preschool children as being “prekindergarten children three to five years of age.” California Education Code Section 8236 (a)(5) defines a “three-year-old” as: “those children who will have their third birthday on or before December 2 of the fiscal year in which they are enrolled in a state preschool program.” Consequently, it is possible for some children to be enrolled in state preschool as early as two years and nine months of age.